

# mailmobile

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An automatic,  
self-propelled  
delivery vehicle for  
modern offices.



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### What it is

Mailmobile is a self-propelled, automatically guided office delivery vehicle. Travelling to and from a mailroom or other central facility, Mailmobile covers a fixed "messenger route" throughout an entire floor. It automatically stops at designated stations for pick-up and drop-off of mail (both inter-office and outside), packages, copy work, requisitions, computer materials, blueprints, word processing material, and miscellaneous office supplies.

### How it works

Mailmobile is battery-driven and employs a patented guidance system which follows an invisible guidepath. This guidepath requires no structural alterations in the facility, is compatible with all floor surfaces, and can be removed and re-routed.

### What it does for you

As information and document volumes grow, so does the problem of getting this information to the user. Mailmobile helps shrink large office complexes down to a manageable size . . . keeping important data timely and from getting "lost in the shuffle".

It keeps information moving. It gives you high-frequency messenger service (as often as every 20 to 30 minutes if desired) at a fraction of the cost of other methods. Or if you now have low-frequency messenger service, Mailmobile can bring you a much higher level of service at a similar cost.

With Mailmobile, your mailroom becomes more than a mailroom. It becomes a *communications center*, feeding information and supplies throughout the office on a more frequent, more reliable basis. Best of all, the system brings the economies of centralized services within easy reach of everyone. And lets people concentrate on their jobs instead of running time-consuming errands.









# Mailmobile lets people do the jobs they were hired for.

Interruptions aren't just annoying . . . they're expensive. Mailmobile eliminates much of the impromptu errand-running that disrupts work and interferes with productivity.

It means fewer frustrations for your people, letting them concentrate on their specialties. It enhances the prestige of the service function by allowing you to use employees where judgment is required, while relegating routine and repetitive tasks to machines.

By "making its rounds" on a regularly scheduled basis throughout the working day, Mailmobile improves service turn-around time while saving labor. It requires little maintenance and generates a high return on investment, usually paying for itself within two years.

By replacing manual labor with the efficiency of mechanization, Mailmobile brings better service while lowering operating costs. And that's what productivity is all about.







# Mailmobile brings centralized services closer to your people.

A key concept in modern office planning is the centralization of services such as mail distribution, photocopying, reprographics, word and data processing, supplies distribution, etc.

Based on the premise that a small number of high-volume machines serving the entire office complex is more efficient than having people perform their own services, centralization offers many economies to large offices. But often at the expense of delays and inconvenience to those served.

By bringing reliable, low-cost distribution, Mailmobile provides ready access to centralized services while decreasing the need for messenger labor.



Mailmobile's time — and labor-savings begin right at its point of origin, the mailroom. Mail can be sorted directly into the delivery compartments, eliminating the need for double-sorting. Notice how the design complements other mail equipment in size, tray accessibility, and level of work surfaces.



Mailmobile can be easily maneuvered by means of a steering handle with integral hand-operated grip switch. This switch controls both forward and reverse movement of the unit. Handle retracts into unit for automatic operation.

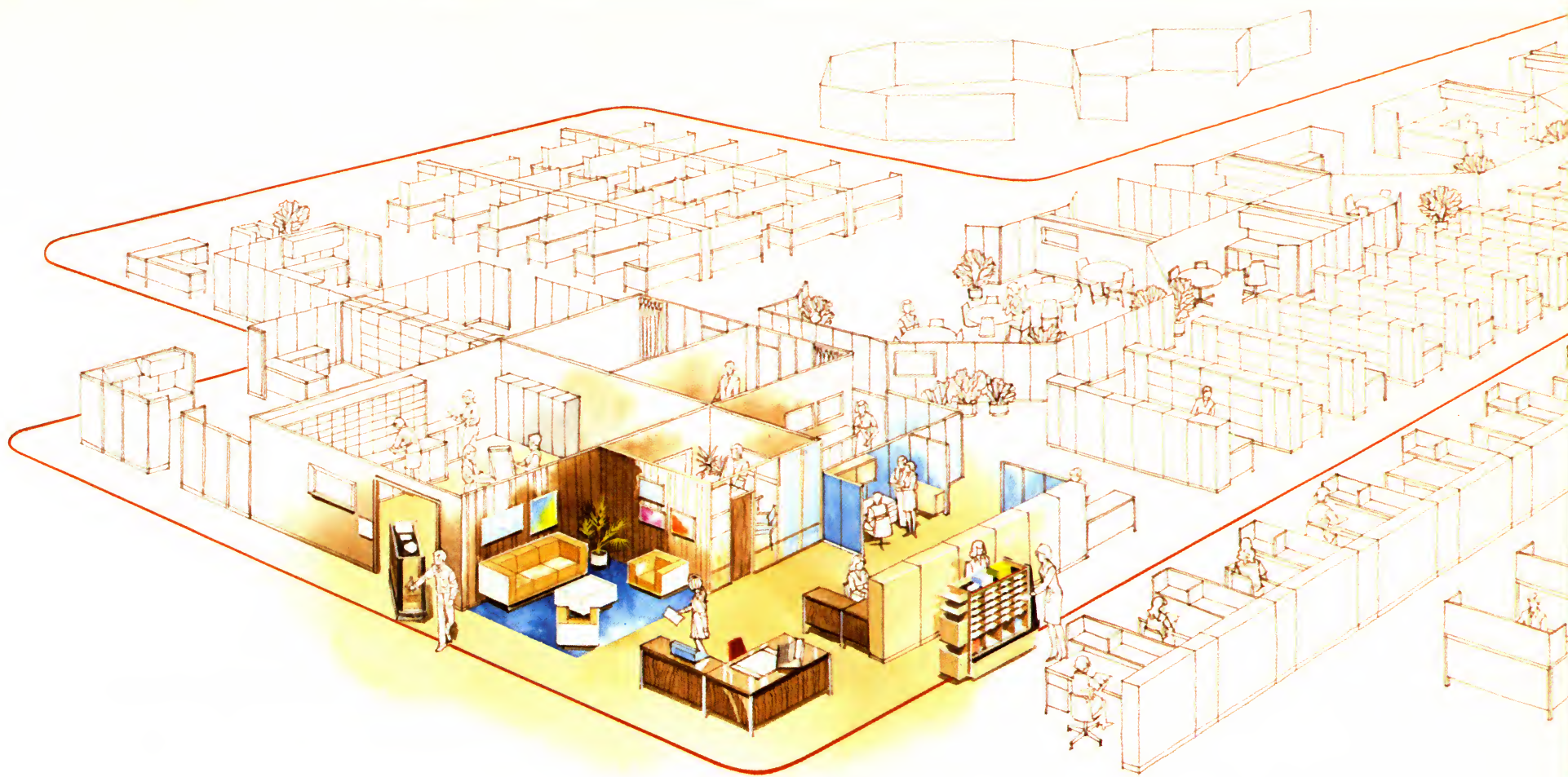


At each designated stop, incoming mail is removed from trays. Outgoing mail is placed into rear drop boxes. Inter-office mail is placed into appropriate trays and travels directly to the recipient, eliminating further sorting. After the stop interval, Mailmobile automatically resumes travel.



Through more efficient distribution, Mailmobile makes it practical for you to take advantage of centralized copying, printing, etc. You gain the economies of high-volume reproduction while providing ready access to these vital services.





To retain Mailmobile beyond its automatic stop interval (usually 10-20 seconds), you simply press the red "stop" switch extending full-length along the top. Travel resumes when green "start" switch is depressed.



Mailmobile's clean, functional lines and rich styling are "at home" in any modern or traditional office decor. The unit moves quietly, smoothly, unobtrusively. And causes little distraction throughout the office environment.



Soft, pressure-sensitive bumpers automatically stop Mailmobile when obstacles are in its path. Travel is halted until obstacle is removed, then resumes automatically. A non-contact obstacle detection system is available as an option.



The unit moves at a safe speed of only about one mile an hour (1.5 feet per second); slower than the average person walks. An audible soft tone and pair of flashing blue lights add to its safe operation.



A complete system,  
not just a machine.

With Mailmobile you get more than a machine. You get a properly planned, effectively introduced, and fully supported system that enhances your service operation.

At LSi we provide a systematic approach that begins long before equipment is purchased. We work with you closely . . . before, during, and after start-up to be sure all projected benefits are indeed realized.





### **Analyzing your needs**

Because the system will play a vital role in your business communications, and strongly influence office procedures, planning is critical. Furthermore, to achieve its full potential the system must be planned around your facility and your particular needs.

Prior to system procurement we visit your site, talk to your services personnel, and study your office delivery objectives and procedures in detail. After that we will prepare a specific proposal outlining system layout, economic benefits, and overall gains in productivity.

### **Preparing your people**

Mailmobile serves your people. LSi shows them how to use the system, and how to be comfortable with it as well. This applies to everyone, from clerical personnel to top management.

We provide not only literature and other support materials for this purpose but also personal assistance in introducing the system to your people.

### **After the system is running**

Our service doesn't end with the sale. Nearby technical service is available to you at all times to answer any questions or solve any problems. We will tailor a maintenance plan geared to your requirements, for all aspects of system operation.

### **A warranty that means something**

Mailmobile carries a one-year warranty that covers the entire system. But perhaps your best warranty is the LSi name itself.

Lear Siegler, Inc. invented the invisible guidepath technology that is the key to the system's performance. The company has more than 30 years of experience in the development of sophisticated guidance systems used in the defense and aerospace industries. The LSi Mailmobile provides exceptionally high levels of quality and reliability.

A continuing research and development effort assures that LSi will remain the leader in invisible guidepath technology. A FORTUNE 500 company with over \$600,000,000 in annual sales, LSi stands behind its products and has the technical expertise and financial stability to service your Mailmobile system throughout the years.





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